



Docket No.: 1081.1102

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Masatoshi AKAGAWA

Serial No. 09/754,323

Group Art Unit: 2823

Confirmation No. 3680

Filed: January 5, 2001

Examiner: Khiem D. Nguyen

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on September 3, 2003. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 3, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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